

Progress report on activities related to mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors

The Conference of the Parties,

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Recognizing that progress on biodiversity mainstreaming remains insufficient to achieve the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and that enhanced efforts are needed to close existing ambition and implementation gaps,

Noting that the present decision is complemented by decision 17/XX on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting, and review, and builds on the findings of the seventh national reports and other relevant sources of information, including the global report, to assess progress in biodiversity mainstreaming and to identify remaining implementation gaps,

Recalling its decision 16/13 of 1 November 2024, in which it recognized the critical importance of mainstreaming biodiversity across the whole of government and the whole of society, and also that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework captures biodiversity mainstreaming and provides a wide range of options for mainstreaming biodiversity,

1. *Recognizes* the importance of inclusive approaches to assess and report progress in biodiversity mainstreaming, including through the use of gender-responsive indicators and information reflecting the perspectives, knowledge and contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, as appropriate, while recognizing that gaps remain in the availability of information;

2. *Recognizes* the importance of continuing to facilitate the exchange and uptake of good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and other relevant solutions related to biodiversity mainstreaming, including through South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation, in support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, taking into account national circumstances and priorities;

3. *Further recognizes* the importance of strengthening coordination across sectors and levels of governance, institutional capacity, technical and scientific cooperation, and the mobilisation of the resources necessary for the effective integration of biodiversity;

4. *Invites* Parties, in accordance with national circumstances, priorities, capacities and capabilities, to strengthen efforts to integrate biodiversity considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, corporate strategies, plans, programmes and decision-making processes, particularly those related to economic, fiscal and financial decision-making;

5. *Invites* Parties, actors other than national Governments, relevant organizations including relevant sectoral bodies, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and people with disabilities, to accelerate the exchange of relevant solutions related to biodiversity mainstreaming, including those arising from relevant programs of work and cross cutting initiatives under the Convention, and through existing reporting, knowledge-sharing and cooperation mechanisms, including the clearing-house mechanism;

6. *Further invites* Parties, drawing upon experiences, tools, guidance and good practices, including those developed under biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant organizations and processes taking into consideration relevant information in the inputs to and outcomes of the

global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including their seventh national reports, and response options for Parties identified in recent IPBES assessments, including the Thematic Assessment Report on the Interlinkages among Biodiversity, Water, Food and Health, to:

- (a) Address the gaps in ambition and cover all mainstreaming related elements across the targets of the Framework;
- (b) Strengthen and accelerate the implementation of biodiversity mainstreaming including by:
 - (i) Closing the gap between the formal integration of biodiversity in regulations or policies, and effective mainstreaming of biodiversity in practice;
 - (ii) Strengthening the institutional capacity of relevant authorities, in particular authorities other than those responsible for environment, to build up expertise and strengthen their mandates for biodiversity mainstreaming, including by integrating biodiversity into sectoral planning cycles, budgets, incentives, regulations, and private sector disclosure frameworks;
 - (iii) Strengthening or establishing inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms to promote coherent and effective actions in support of biodiversity mainstreaming across ministries;
 - (iv) Strengthening the engagement of the private and financial sector, as well as public finance, at all levels, highlighting the nature-related opportunities and the responsibility and duty of businesses to assess, disclose, and reduce their risks, dependencies and impacts on nature;
 - (v) Mainstream biodiversity into consumption and production patterns, including through informed consumer choices and sustainable procurement practices in the public and private sectors;
 - (vi) Filling data and information gaps;
 - (vii) Promoting approaches and raising awareness among policy makers and business actors on the importance of biodiversity mainstreaming, contributing simultaneously to biodiversity conservation, poverty eradication, food security, climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods
- (c) Accelerating the identification, elimination, phasing out or reforming of incentives harmful to biodiversity, and scaling up positive incentives.
- (d) Developing and implementing national sectoral transition plans to align sectoral action with the goals and targets of the Framework, including for sectors with significant impacts and dependencies on biodiversity, building on the reference to transition plans in subparagraph 6 (b) of decision 16/13;
- (e) Inviting businesses and financial institutions to integrate nature in their business models, operations, value chains and transition plans, as appropriate, in alignment with the goals and targets of the Framework;
- (f) Encouraging the private and financial sector and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen and accelerate efforts to integrate biodiversity considerations in their activities, taking into consideration relevant information in the inputs to and outcomes of the global review of implementation;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources and building upon existing activities and mandates, to:

(a) Facilitate the exchange of good practices, methodologies, tools, mechanisms, voluntary guidelines and other relevant solutions related to biodiversity mainstreaming, including the coalition of finance ministers, in a non-prescriptive manner, including approaches that promote the sustainable use of biodiversity as a means of supporting its conservation and integration into economic and productive activities, taking into account, where appropriate, experiences related to integrated approaches, ecosystem restoration and nature-based solutions, through the clearing-house mechanism, regional and subregional dialogues, technical and scientific cooperation, capacity-building activities and communities of practice, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, experts from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, international financial institutions and private sector entities;

(b) Promote the sharing of experiences and lessons learned arising from collaboration with biodiversity-related conventions and relevant sectoral organizations, including by promoting the use, interoperability and strengthening of existing knowledge-sharing platforms;

(c) Invite Parties, other Governments, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth, relevant organizations and stakeholders to submit additional good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and other relevant solutions for biodiversity mainstreaming, including practical approaches to translating actions into measurable results, as well as information on implementation challenges, gaps, enabling approaches and lessons learned, with a view to further developing and updating the structured overview referred to in decision 16/13. Submissions may also include: (i) information on capacity-building and development, (ii) technical and scientific cooperation, (iii) data and monitoring systems, technology transfer, (iv) the mobilization of financial resources, and (v) emerging challenges, opportunities and priorities related to biodiversity mainstreaming.

(d) Strengthen the exchange of experiences and solutions, peer learning and collaboration on biodiversity mainstreaming across relevant economic sectors, including through:

- (i) Organizing regional Business and Biodiversity Forums under the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations and stakeholders, including technical experts, international financial institutions and private sector entities;
- (ii) Continue facilitating communities of practice, including through the webinar series launched in 2026, to support the implementation of biodiversity mainstreaming within and across additional sectors, as appropriate, including the ocean and island economy as well as other areas and sectors not yet addressed in the series;

(e) To report on progress in the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting, including information on implementation gaps, enabling approaches, good practices and lessons learned, the needs identified by Parties concerning capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and means of implementation, and, as appropriate, an updated structured overview of available good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and other relevant solutions related to biodiversity mainstreaming.